



## News and Events in the 5th Grade

March 6, 2012

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### Important Dates

Mar 6-9	ISAT Testing
Mar 10	Annual Holmes Parent/Staff Basketball Game (at Brooks - doors open 6:30 p.m.)
Mar 13	Science - Variables Unit Test
Mar 16	Report Cards Go Home
Mar 22	Brooks Tour Field Trip
Mar 26-30	Spring Break (No School)
April 3	Science Fair

### Dear Families,

ISAT testing is this week! Students will not have any homework during the testing week. Please help students get enough sleep the night before each test, and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. Encourage your child to do their best, but at the same time, help ease any anxiety they may be experiencing. The testing schedule is below. Please try to have students present and on time every day.

<b>Monday, March 5th</b>	No School	No School
<b>Tuesday, March 6th</b>	Reading 1	9:45am - 11:00am
	Reading 2	12:45pm - 2:00pm
<b>Wednesday, March 7th</b>	Reading 3	8:15am - 9:30am (5M) 9:45am - 11:00am (5K & 5P)
	Math 1	12:35pm - 1:45pm
<b>Thursday, March 8th</b>	Math 2	9:45am - 11:00am
	Math 3	12:45pm - 2:00pm

### OPEF's BASE Camp now open for registration!

The Oak Park Education Foundation's exciting roster of summer B.A.S.E. Camp classes for students entering grades 1-9 is now available for registration at [www.opef.org/basecamp/register/](http://www.opef.org/basecamp/register/). Our camps filled up fast last summer, so register soon!

This summer's program includes Geared Up (engineering with LEGOs), LEGO Landmarks, Architecture Adventure, Vex Robotics, Genetics Mural, Dissection, Medical Illustration & Dissection, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Digital Photography, and Summer in Song (songwriting and chorus). These will be great fun, and educational, too!

B.A.S.E. Camp runs from June 4-29, but classes vary in start dates, times, lengths and locations. It is open to children from any and all schools. And this year we've expanded to three locations: Julian Middle School, Brooks Middle School, and Oak Park and River Forest High School.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

**Art** -The *Wednesday Journal's* "Design an Ad" contest entries have been submitted. Look in the paper on 3/21 to see the winners. 5th graders are working on two-point perspective drawings now. Using perspective drawing techniques developed in the Renaissance, we are designing a 3-D looking city on a 2-D surface.

**Music** - This week we will be finishing our game of music basketball (using xylophones) but we will also be playing recorders. Please make sure your child has theirs in school by Wednesday. If they cannot find theirs, recorders are now 6 dollars cash, check (to District 97) or can be purchased through the school store (under misc. payments).

**Spanish** - In Spanish we are working on ordering food in a restaurant. Students are working in groups to create a skit that includes waiter/waitresses, managers, and diners. We will start performing the role playing this week.

**Library** - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.



### Reading/Literature

#### TREASURES

We will not be reading a Treasures story this week due to ISAT testing.

#### LITERATURE CIRCLES

Literature Circle Discussion #4 will be on Wednesday, 3/7. Throughout the course of the week, students will begin to work on creating a Glog to reflect what they learned from reading their novel.

### Language Arts

**Writing Focus:** Students will have time in their homerooms this week to work on completing the rough drafts of their compare/contrast essays. We will work on writing their final drafts on Monday the 12th and Tuesday the 13th.

**Grammar Focus:** There will be no grammar lesson or homework this week due to ISAT testing.

### Math

Graded Unit 6 tests went home with students last week. Please review the test with your child, sign it, and have your child return the test to his/her math teacher. Students who scored below grade level on the test (1 or 2) may correct the test and turn it in for regrading. All corrected tests must be turned in by this Friday. There are no math classes this week due to ISAT testing. Next week, we begin Unit 8. We will be covering addition and subtraction of mixed numbers as well as multiplication and division of fractions.

### Science

There will be no science classes this week due to ISAT testing. Last week, we completed our unit on variables. The variables unit test will be next Tuesday. We will review in class on Monday.

Students should be conducting their Science Fair experiments and collecting data. Research papers are due March 23, and the Science Fair is April 3. Each student created a draft research paper on Google Docs, and students have enough information to begin working on their papers. Don't wait until the last minute!

### Social Studies

There will be no social studies this week due to ISAT testing. Students can play Mission-US.org at home if they would like to continue to learn about the American Revolution.

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